



## Got Milk?

"Our 100 high school girls need milk for their breakfast," announced Fr. Habte, the director of our programs in Ethiopia, during our visit a week ago. "As you can see, we do not have any stores around us."

Sung Jost Ioffredo, A Chance In Life Vice President and donor (read more about her on the last page!) asked, "How can you solve this problem?"

Doing quick calculations on his fingers, Fr. Habte said, "Well, each of our 100 girls will need at least a glass of milk. One gallon of milk equals 16 eight-ounce glasses. To provide milk to every girl, we need at least seven gallons a day. Now ... a cow here produces on average three to five gallons of milk a day, which means that we need two cows to solve our problem."

"And how much does a cow cost?" asked Sung, intrigued by the conversation.

"A good cow costs about \$700," replied Fr. Habte.

You can imagine the rest of the story from the picture above. Sung offered to buy the two cows and shook hands with Fr. Habte to seal the deal. Our girls now have fresh milk every day and can start their school day with a healthy breakfast.

A question for you ... If we wanted to provide an egg every week for all our girls, how many chickens would we need, considering that they lay an egg a day? And most importantly ... would you buy one for them?

Gabriele Delmonaco  
President/Executive Director



## SPOTLIGHT ON OUR ALUMNI

"I didn't know it yet, but the best years of my life had begun."

Claudio Di Biagio, former citizen of Boys' Town of Italy and current President of the International Association of Former Citizens of Boys' Town of Rome, shared his story at our New York Annual Gala with almost 500 guests.

"It was September of 1985 when I arrived at Boys' Town of Italy. Though I was initially not happy to leave my mother and my friends, it soon became a second home and family to me. I didn't know it yet, but the best years of my life had begun.

During my eight years there, I learned about myself and how I could give to others. I also learned to live with over a hundred children of different nationalities! Through self-government, I was elected to all the roles of our Town: commissioner, judge and mayor. I loved being part of a system where my contribution was important, where I could support the younger citizens and be guided by the older citizens.

Living at Boys' Town gave me the opportunity to devote much of my time to computer science, which helped me find work after my time there. Today, I am an employee of the Ministry of the Interior in Italy. I work for the Commission for refugees arriving in Italy daily. To my astonishment, in recent years, many young people from Boys' Town have also passed through my office to tell their story. It has been very meaningful to see them receive the help they need.

Through my work, I have met many young refugees who come from India. So, when Gabriele asked me to go with him on a journey last year to visit A Chance In Life's Towns in India, I gladly accepted. I was very happy to see other troubled boys and girls in other parts of the world receive the same support I had in my years at Boys' Town.

What else is there to say? I would like to conclude my story by thanking Boys' Town for allowing me to grow up in a safe and wonderful place. I also want to thank Gabriele, A Chance in Life and I want to thank Monsignor for his extraordinary character.

Above all I thank all of you, for your compassion, for your support, and for continuing to give children the chance in life I was given years ago.

Thank you very much and buona serata a tutti!"



Claudio at our New York Annual Gala.



Founder Monsignor Carroll-Abbing with Claudio on a trip to San Marino in 1990.





## 2019 EVENTS



### NEW YORK ANNUAL GALA

Top: **Guy Chiarello** (President of First Data) was presented with our Man of the Year Award by Italy's Consul General **Francesco Genuardi** and Gala Chair **Tim Tynan** (CEO of Bank of America Merchant Services).

Left: **Sal Cucchiara** (CIO & Head of Wealth Management Technology for Morgan Stanley) gave a stirring speech after being named our A Chance In Life Award Recipient.



Right: **Kassy Kebede** (Founder and Managing Partner of Cepheus Growth Capital Partners), pictured with **Father Teshome Fikre** (National Program Director of Boys' & Girls' Towns of Ethiopia), accepted the Global Citizenship Award.

Our three incredible honorees broke all previous records to raise over \$1 million for our young people!

San Francisco Man of the Year **Sergio Nibbi** was presented his award by **Gabriele Delmonaco** (President of A Chance In Life) and his brother, **Larry Nibbi** (Vice Chairman of A Chance In Life).

Sergio and Larry have both attended the San Francisco Ball of the Year for over fifty years. This year they helped raise over \$420,000 to continue our founder Monsignor Carroll-Abbing's legacy of caring for at-risk youth.



### SAN FRANCISCO BALL OF THE YEAR





## SPOTLIGHT ON OUR DONORS

Meet the newest member of the A Chance In Life team! After years of supporting our mission as a donor, Sung Jost Ioffredo began serving as our Vice President on June 1. A longtime advocate for children, Sung has volunteered for over twenty years with various nonprofits to raise funds and tutor kids.

Sung recently traveled with a group of A Chance In Life donors to visit the young people of Boys' & Girls' Towns of Ethiopia and the remote Benishangul-Gumuz region, which A Chance In Life hopes to serve in the future. She was struck by the difference between the two areas. She noted that the young Gumuz women were all busy taking care of their own children or younger siblings, while the young women of BGTE were planning for college, writing plays about their communities and organizing a welcome ceremony for their visitors.

Having seen what a difference A Chance In Life has made in the lives of these girls, Sung is all the more excited to bring her enthusiasm and energy to serve our young people. We are so excited to have her as part of our team!



Donor Dana Iommazzo (left) and Vice President Sung Jost Ioffredo (right) with one of our young citizens in Ethiopia.

**Your support makes these smiles possible. Thank you, or as these girls would say...Amasegenallo!**

